

**BOROUGH OF DUMONT
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 15, 2013
7:15 PM**

Mayor Kelly called the meeting to order at 7:15PM

Flag Salute; Silent Prayer

Sunshine Law: The notice requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey have been satisfied by the inclusion of the date, time and place of this regular meeting in the annual schedule and notice of regular meetings of this Governing Body. Such annual schedule and notice of regular meetings is posted at Borough Hall, was sent to *The Record* and the *Ridgewood News*, posted on the Borough website and filed with the Borough of Dumont.

Roll Call: Council members Brophy, Carrick, Hayes, Riquelme, Stylianou, Zamechansky-present

Mayor Kelly-present

Motion to accept agenda as presented minus the first reading of Ordinance #1452, Parking Regulations, which was pulled: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilwoman Zamechansky

All in favor.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the January 2, 2013 Sine Die Minutes: Councilwoman Zamechansky

Second: Councilman Brophy

Roll call vote: Brophy, Carrick, Hayes, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes

Councilman Riquelme-abstained

Motion to approve the January 2, 2013 Reorganization Minutes: Councilman Brophy

Second: Councilwoman Zamechansky

Roll call vote: Council members Brophy, Carrick, Hayes, Riquelme, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes

Administrator's Report

The Borough is still dealing with Hurricane Sandy FEMA reimbursement. The cost, as a result of the hurricane, has exceeded \$200,000. This includes cleanup of leaves, brush, trees; cost of cranes and equipment. Salaries are not included in this amount. FEMA will reimburse on straight time for cleanup.

A recycling program, paid for by Clean Communities grant, will be presented to students at Grant, Lincoln and Honiss schools January 16th and 17th.

The Borough underwent an inspection by the ISO (Insurance Services Office). The inspector critiques the type of equipment you have, the use of the equipment, the size of the pumps and water main, operating procedures, etc. All items are given points which result in a classification number. Dumont came in as classification "three", which is well above the national average. The only significant flaw was membership and the fact that most of the training is done in-house.

A week ago the Borough offered a free shredding program. We get paid for the amount of paper shredded and tonnage credits through the State. A half hour before the program ended, the truck was full and people had to be turned away. There will be another program scheduled for April or May. Thank you to Bill Bowen and Councilman Carrick for helping that day.

The Borough will be transitioning some construction projects from T&M to Remington Vernick.

Tax collection for 2012 was 99.01%, which is the highest we've ever had.

Council Committee Reports

- Bill Brophy

He commended all involved in putting out the fire this morning. One person was taken to the hospital for smoke inhalation.

Congratulations to the Dumont Volunteer Ambulance Corps' on their 75th anniversary.

Finance

Terrie will have budget documents by Thursday and the committee hopes to get started very soon thereafter. All possible solutions will be considered. Departments should not assume that their budget will be the same as in previous years.

Shade Tree Commission

They met last night. They will have a seminar January 28th with two certified tree experts to address some concerns people had after Hurricane Sandy. In 2012, 71 trees came down; in October 2011, 128 trees fell; during the nor'easter in 2010, 500+ trees came down. This shows that proactive care makes a difference.

Arbor Day is the end of April and they are hopeful the Walking Path project will be completed by then.

Councilwoman Zamechansky said that there is an Environmental Commission meeting January 28th. Perhaps it would be a good idea to have them attend as well.

- Councilman Carrick

No report

- Councilman Hayes

He attended the Ambulance Corps 75th Anniversary dinner at which the Mayor presented a proclamation.

- Councilman Riquelme

No report

- Councilman Stylianou

Board of Education

Last week there was a joint presentation of the School Board and Police Department regarding security measures at the schools. Lt. Conner spoke of initiatives taken and Superintendent Triggiano spoke about their coordination with the police department to make the schools safer. The meeting was well attended. Some of the initiatives would involve extra police manpower. The focus of the meeting was how to secure the schools but he is concerned about activities held at Memorial Park as well. He would be happy to sit down to discuss the meeting with anyone who wishes.

- Councilwoman Zamechansky

Recreation

TwinBoro Field will be ready for use June 1, 2013. There will be a meeting with the coaches to go over the rules regarding the field.

Fire Department

She commended the Fire Department for their work at the fire on Delaware Avenue this morning.

Ambulance Corps

Congratulations on 75 years of service. She will be meeting with the president of the Ambulance Corps later this week.

Mayor's Report

The Mayor spoke to Lt. Conner and Mr. Triggiano following the safety meeting. One of the concerns was the safety of the recreation programs. People can just walk in to watch games so there will be discussion on how to limit accessibility and to make sure these people are there to watch the game.

Review of Consent Agenda Items: All items with an asterisk are considered to be non-controversial by the Council and will be approved by one motion. There may be further discussion prior to the vote upon request of a member of the public or a Council member. Also, any item may be removed for further discussion or for roll call vote in which case the item will be removed and considered in its normal sequence as part of the general order of business.

#13-42 Bills List *

#13-43 Approval of Dumont High School Athletic Boosters On-premise 50/50 Cash Raffle to be held February 23, 2013; RL#377; ID#109-5-24823 *

#13-44 Approval of Membership in the Bergen County League of Municipalities *

#13-45 Appointment of Councilman Hayes as Class III Member of Joint Land Use Board *

#13-46 Designation the Star Ledger as One of the Borough's Official Newspapers *

#13-47 Authorization of Municipal Clerk to Re-advertise for RFQ's for Alternate Prosecutor and Alternate Public Defender *

#13-48 Police & Courts, Finance and Recreation Committee Assignments for 2013 *
(previously extracted from #13-07)

#13-49 Authorization of Execution of 2013 Crossing Guard Agreement *

Motion to open to the public on Consent Agenda items: Councilman Brophy

Second: Councilman Hayes

All in favor.

Motion to close: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Brophy

All in favor.

Motion to adopt consent agenda: Councilman Brophy

Second: Councilman Hayes

Roll call vote: Council members Brophy, Carrick, Hayes, Riquelme, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes

The first reading of Ordinance #1452 has been pulled for further discussion.

Motion to open to the public for general comments: Councilman Hayes

Second: Councilman Brophy

All in favor.

1. William Bergin, 66 Washington Avenue, had a complaint about the new parking restrictions. He can no longer park in front of his house without a parking permit. He feels it should be limited parking.

Motion to close: Councilman Brophy

Second: Councilman Stylianou

All in favor.

Motion to adjourn: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Brophy

All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Susan Connelly, RMC

Municipal Clerk

Agendas Subject to Revision